

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A pedal structure for a motor vehicle comprising:
a pedal arm pivoted when stepped on for transmitting the stepping-on force in a first braking direction; and
a pedal pad mounted on an end upper ~~portion~~ portion of said pedal arm for being stepped on by a driver's foot;
said pedal pad including a pedal pad upper portion and a pedal pad side portion extending laterally with respect to said upper portion generally in said braking direction;
said pedal arm including an arm end portion for mounting said pedal pad and an arm body; and
said arm end portion having a pad mounting upper portion for mounting said pedal pad, and a pad mounting side portion extending laterally with respect to said pad mounting upper portion generally in said braking direction for mounting said pedal pad side portion by a coupling between said pedal pad side portion and said pad mounting side portion, said pad mounting side portion having a protruding portion disposed beneath said pedal pad side portion and protruding with respect to said pad mounting side portion in a direction laterally of said braking direction to have almost the same height as the thickness of said pedal pad side portion;

said pad mounting upper portion, said pad mounting side portion, and said protruding portion comprising respective portions of the same piece of material; and said pad mounting side portion lying in a plane oriented substantially parallel to said braking direction, said protruding portion being disposed outside of said plane and laterally opposite a void in said arm end portion.

2. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pedal arm is formed to be a U-letter shape in cross-section.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said pedal pad covers the whole of the right side of said pad mounting upper portion provided at said arm end portion and also covers the circumferential portion of the wrong side of said pad mounting upper portion.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A parking brake pedal structure in a parking foot brake device for a motor vehicle wherein a parking brake pedal comprises;

a pedal arm pivoted when stepped on for transmitting the stepping-on force to said parking brake device in a first braking direction; and

a pedal pad mounted on an end upper portion of said pedal arm for being stepped on by a driver's foot;

said pedal arm including an arm end portion for mounting said pedal pad and an arm body connected to said parking brake device; and

said arm end portion having a pad mounting upper portion for mounting said pedal pad, and a pad mounting side portion extending laterally with respect to said pad mounting upper portion generally in said braking direction for mounting said pedal pad side portion by a coupling between said pedal pad side portion and said pad mounting side portion, said pad mounting side portion having a protruding portion disposed beneath said pedal pad side portion and protruding with respect to said pad mounting side portion in a direction laterally of said braking direction to have the same height as the thickness of said pedal pad side portion,

said pad mounting upper portion, said pad mounting side portion, and said protruding portion comprising respective integral portions of the same piece of material, and

a part of said pad mounting side portion at which said pedal pad side portion is mounted possessing an outer surface which faces said pedal pad side portion and

lies in a first plane oriented substantially parallel to said braking direction and an oppositely facing inner surface that lies in a second plane;

said protruding portion possessing an outer surface and an oppositely facing inner surface;

said protruding portion being disposed outside of said first plane and laterally opposite a void in said arm end portion that is positioned between the inner surface of said protruding portion and the second plane.

11. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said pedal arm is formed to be a U-letter shape in cross-section.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The pedal structure as set forth in Claim 10, wherein said pedal pad covers the whole of the right side of said pad mounting upper portion provided at said arm end portion and also covers the circumferential portion of the wrong side of said pad mounting upper portion.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)